



## Fertasa Committees

### Management Committee

The Management Committee represents all the ordinary and affiliate members who nominate their representatives at the Annual General Meeting. The Management Committee has the authority to approve inter alia the Memorandum of Incorporation, financial budget, membership fees, financial statements and auditor fees. Operating Committees are appointed by the members and such committees report to the Chief Executive Officer.

#### Chairperson

#### Brief Biography



**Dr Erik Adriaanse**  
Sasol Chemicals

B. Sc. Agric. ,US; B.Sc. Agric. Honours, Agronomy, UF; M.Sc. Agric., Agronomy, UF; Ph. D., Agronomy, UF.

- Researcher: Agricultural Research Council (ARC), Grain Crops Institute (GCI) in Potchefstroom in 1980-1991.
- Research Manager: Plant Nutrition division at the ARC-GCI 1991-2003.
- Market Team Leader: Kynoch Fertilizers, Yara and Sidi Parani from 2003-2009.
- Executive committee member of The South African Society of Crop Production, 2007.
- Manager Product Development and Technical support Sasol, Base Chemicals, Fertilisers Division, 2009-current.
- Board Member: Sasol Agriculture Trust, 2013-current
- Chairman Technical committee FERTASA, 2011-2015.
- Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of FERTASA, 2016-2018.
- Chairman of the Board of Directors of FERTASA, 2018-current

## Technical Committee

Each member has the right to be represented on the Technical Committee. The Technical Committee develops policies and guidelines for fertilizer use in order to ensure responsible and sustainable soil fertility and plant nutrition in southern Africa.

### Chairperson Technical Committee



**Handro Swart**  
De Sangosse

### Brief Biography

- Manager of Agronomical Services at Sasol. He obtained his MSc and MBL during this time.
- Agronomist: Fertasa, 1995 and represented Sasol at the Technical committee at that stage.
- Involved in the FACTS (BASOS) course since 2002, and was responsible for Modules 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and Module 8 at some stage. Handro has also represented Fertasa with the Basos course presentation in Zambia, which was there on at least 4 occasions.
- Chairman of the Publications committee in the past.
- Previously Chairman of The Publication Committee responsible for the revision of the latest Fertiliser Handbook revision.
- Managing Director of Atlas Organic Fertilizers. After 5 years Handro joined Gaviolon mainly responsible for Zambia. Handro is currently a consultant for UAG in Zambia marketing Gaviolon products, as well as overseeing the Speciality nutrition at De Sangosse Southern Africa. His responsibilities include South Africa, Zambia, Swaziland, Kenya and Ethiopia.
- Current Chairman of the Technical Committee of Fertasa.

## Vice Chairperson Technical Committee

## Brief Biography



**Dr Nicole Hart**  
Omnia Fertilizer

- Mother of two, Rachel and Matthew
- Commercial GM of Fertilizer International at Omnia, previously Sales Director at Experse, AECI
- PhD in Chemistry
- 13 years' experience in Fertilizer coatings and additives
- Alternative Director on Fertasa board since June 2013
- Director on Fertasa board since January 2017. Current Vice Chairperson of the Technical Committee.

## Regulatory Liaison Committee

The Regulations Committee is responsible for the development and interpretation of regulations pertaining to fertiliser products. The Committee liaises with the Registrar of Act 36 of 1947 to enhance and protect the interests of its members.

## Chairperson Regulatory Committee

## Brief Biography



**André Britz**

- Agrochemical 1982 industry followed by Fertilizer industry for past 24 years.
- Obtained BSc Agric, add Hons BCom.
- Director on Fertasa Board since April 2018.

## Educational Committee

The Educational Committee comprises of two committees, namely; Publications Management and the Training Management.

### Chairperson Educational Committee



**Dr Jan Strydom**

### Brief Biography

- Dr Jan Strydom PHD (NWU)
- SACNASP, AVCASA Registered,
- Agronomist Omnia Fertilizer 1977-1988
- National Training Manager Omnia 1989 – 2000
- Independent Agricultural Training Consultant 2000 – 2012
- Farming 2000 Ha 1977- 2012
- Agronomist Profert Fertilizer 2013 – 2018
- Chairman Educational Committee FERTASA 2015 – 2018
- Facts Module leader FERTASA 2014 – 2018
- Research 2015-2017 Subsoil Acidity and Correction Free State and North West.
- Newest Research effective planting (Precision Planting).

## Publications Management

The Publications Committee is responsible for all the publications of Fertasa, including the Journal, Fertiliser Handbook, pamphlets and brochures.

### Chairperson Publications Management



**Prof Robin Barnard**

### Brief Biography

- Qualified as a Soil Scientist at the University of Pretoria and went through the ranks, retiring in 1999 after 40 years of service.
- Subsequently worked at the ARC Institute for Soil, Climate and Water for 16 years.
- Fields of speciality include Project Management, Curriculum Development, Plant Nutrition, Soil Chemistry and Pollution.
- Of late, concentrated on facilitating Fertilizer Product registration.
- Pri Sci Nat for 35 years, is an Honorary Member of Fertasa, the Soil Science Society of South Africa as well as AgriLasa and has received awards from all three organisations.
- Currently the Chief Technical Advisor of Fertasa.

## Training Management

The Training Committee is responsible for the development and implementation of training courses such as the “Fertiliser Advisors, Certification and Training Scheme (FACTS)”. The members of the Committee serve as examiners for FACTS.

### Chairperson Training Management



**Frans Joubert**

### Brief Biography

- FPH Joubert was course leader of the BASOS/FACTS course since inception in 1998 when the course was facilitated by TUT (Tshwane University of Technology). Due to personnel layoffs at TUT the course was facilitated by BASOS Training cc with FPH Joubert as sole member from 2009 to 2016.
- From 2017 the course was transferred to FERTASA and FPH Joubert was appointed as consultant to the BASOS/FACTS course.